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What is claimed is.

1 1. A process of forming a memory device, comprising:
2 forming a first topology over a substrate;
3 forming a subsequent topology over the first topology;
4 forming a first memory structure at the first topology; and
5 forming at least one subsequent memory structure at a corresponding at least one
6 subsequent topology.

1 2. The process according to claim 1, wherein the memory device includes a
2 ferroelectric memory device.

1 3. The process according to claim 2, wherein forming at least one subsequent
2 memory structure further includes:
3 forming a second topology;
4 forming a second memory structure at the second topology;
5 forming an interlayer dielectric (ILD) layer over the second memory structure;
6 forming a third topology above the ILD layer ; and
7 forming a third memory structure at the third topology.

1 4. The process according to claim 2, wherein forming at least one subsequent
2 memory structure further includes:
3 forming a second topology;

4 forming a second memory structure at the second topology, wherein the second
5 memory structure is formed comprising:

6 forming a ferroelectric layer over the first memory structure;

7 forming a conductive layer over the layer;

8 planarizing the conductive layer; and

9 patterning the conductive layer to form a third electrode; and

10 forming an interlayer dielectric (ILD) layer over the second memory structure;

11 forming a third topology above the ILD layer ; and

12 forming a third memory structure at the third topology.

1 5. The process according to claim 2, wherein forming a first memory structure
2 further includes:

3 forming a first electrode over the substrate;

4 forming a first memory layer over the first electrode; and

5 forming a second electrode over the first memory layer.

1 6. The process according to claim 2, wherein forming a first memory structure and
2 forming a subsequent memory structure further includes:

3 forming a first electrode over the substrate;

4 forming a first memory layer over the first electrode;

5 forming a second electrode over the first memory layer;

6 forming a second memory layer over the second electrode; and

7 forming a third electrode over the second memory layer.

1 7. A process of forming a ferroelectric polymer memory device, comprising:
2 forming a first topology above a substrate;
3 forming a subsequent topology over the first topology;
4 forming a first ferroelectric polymer memory structure at the first topology; and
5 forming at least one subsequent ferroelectric polymer memory structure at a
6 corresponding at least one subsequent topology.

1 8. The process according to claim 7, wherein forming a subsequent ferroelectric
2 polymer memory structure further comprises:
3 forming a second topology;
4 forming a second ferroelectric polymer memory structure at the second topology;
5 forming an interlayer dielectric (ILD) layer over the second ferroelectric polymer
6 memory structure;
7 forming a third topology above the ILD layer ; and
8 forming a third ferroelectric polymer memory structure at the third topology.

1 9. The process according to claim 7, wherein forming a subsequent ferroelectric
2 polymer memory structure further comprises:
3 forming a second topology;
4 forming a second ferroelectric polymer memory structure at the second topology,
5 wherein the second ferroelectric polymer memory structure is formed comprising:

6 forming a ferroelectric polymer layer over the ~~first~~^{first} ferroelectric polymer
7 memory structure;
8 forming a conductive layer over the ferroelectric polymer layer;
9 planarizing the conductive layer; and
10 patterning the conductive layer to form a third electrode; and
11 forming an interlayer dielectric (ILD) layer over the second ferroelectric polymer
12 memory structure;
13 forming a third topology above the ILD layer ; and
14 forming a third ferroelectric polymer memory structure at the third topology.

1 10. The process according to claim 7, wherein forming a first ferroelectric memory
2 structure further comprises:

3 forming a first electrode over the substrate;
4 forming a first ferroelectric memory layer over the first electrode; and
5 forming a second electrode over the first ferroelectric memory layer.

1 11. The process of forming a memory device according to claim 7, wherein forming a
2 first ferroelectric polymer memory structure and forming a subsequent ferroelectric polymer
3 memory structure further comprises:

4 forming a first electrode over the substrate;
5 forming a first ferroelectric polymer memory layer over the first electrode;
6 forming a second electrode over the first ferroelectric polymer memory layer;

7 forming a second ferroelectric polymer memory layer over the second electrode;
8 and
9 forming a third electrode over the second ferroelectric polymer memory layer.

1 12. The process of forming a polymer memory device according to claim 7, wherein
2 forming a ferroelectric polymer memory structure comprises forming a layer selected from spin-
3 on depositing, chemical vapor depositing, substrate dip depositing, Langmuir-Blodgett
4 depositing, and spray-on depositing.

1 13. A process of forming a ferroelectric oxide memory device, comprising:
2 forming a first topology above a substrate;
3 forming a subsequent topology over the first topology;
4 forming a first ferroelectric oxide memory structure at the first topology; and
5 forming at least one subsequent ferroelectric oxide memory structure at a
6 corresponding at least one subsequent topology.

1 14. The process according to claim 13, wherein forming a subsequent ferroelectric
2 oxide memory structure further comprises:
3 forming a second topology;
4 forming a second ferroelectric oxide memory structure at the second topology;
5 forming an interlayer dielectric (ILD) layer over the second ferroelectric oxide
6 memory structure;
7 forming a third topology above the ILD layer ; and

8 forming a third ferroelectric oxide memory structure at the third topology.

1 15. The process according to claim 13, wherein forming a subsequent ferroelectric
2 oxide memory structure further comprises:

3 forming a second topology;

4 forming a second ferroelectric oxide memory structure at the second topology,

5 wherein the second ferroelectric oxide memory structure is formed comprising:

6 forming a ferroelectric oxide layer over the first ferroelectric oxide
7 memory structure;

8 forming a conductive layer over the ferroelectric oxide layer;

9 planarizing the conductive layer; and

10 patterning the conductive layer to form a third electrode; and

11 forming an interlayer dielectric (ILD) layer over the second ferroelectric oxide
12 memory structure;

13 forming a third topology above the ILD layer ; and

14 forming a third ferroelectric oxide memory structure at the third topology.

1 16. The process according to claim 13, wherein forming a first ferroelectric oxide
2 memory structure further comprises:

3 forming a first electrode over the substrate;

4 forming a first ferroelectric oxide memory layer over the first electrode; and

5 forming a second electrode over the first ferroelectric oxide memory layer.

1 17. The process of forming a memory device according to claim 13, wherein forming
2 a first ferroelectric oxide memory structure and forming a subsequent ferroelectric oxide memory
3 structure further comprises:

4 forming a first electrode over the substrate;

5 forming a first ferroelectric oxide memory layer over the first electrode;

6 forming a second electrode over the first ferroelectric oxide memory layer;

7 forming a second ferroelectric oxide memory layer over the second electrode; and

8 forming a third electrode over the second ferroelectric oxide memory layer.

1 18. The process according to claim 13, wherein forming a ferroelectric oxide memory
2 structure comprises forming a layer selected from chemical vapor deposition, spin-on deposition,
3 and physical vapor deposition.

1 19. A ferroelectric memory device comprising:

2 a first topology disposed over a substrate;

3 a first ferroelectric structure disposed in the first topology; and

4 a subsequent topology disposed over the first topology, and a subsequent
5 ferroelectric structure disposed in the subsequent topology.

1 20. The ferroelectric memory device according to claim 19, wherein the first
2 ferroelectric structure and a subsequent ferroelectric structure further comprise:

3 a first electrode disposed over the substrate;

4 a first ferroelectric polymer layer disposed over the first electrode;

5 a second electrode disposed over the first ferroelectric polymer layer;
6 a second ferroelectric polymer layer disposed over the second electrode; and
7 a third electrode disposed over the second ferroelectric polymer layer.

1 21. The ferroelectric memory device according to claim 20, wherein the electrodes
2 have a width that is a minimum feature of a photolithography technology, selected from 0.25
3 micron, 0.18 micron, 0.13 micron, and 0.11 micron.

1 22. The ferroelectric memory device according to claim 20, wherein the first
2 ferroelectric structure and a subsequent ferroelectric structure further comprise:
3 a first electrode disposed over the substrate;
4 a first ferroelectric oxide layer disposed over the first electrode;
5 a second electrode disposed over the first ferroelectric oxide layer;
6 a second ferroelectric oxide layer disposed over the second electrode; and
7 a third electrode disposed over the second ferroelectric oxide layer.

1 23. The ferroelectric memory device according to claim 21, wherein the electrodes
2 have a width that is a minimum feature of a photolithography technology, selected from 0.25
3 micron, 0.18 micron, 0.13 micron, and 0.11 micron.

1 24. A system, comprising:
2 a processor;
3 a ferroelectric memory system coupled to the processor;

4 an input/output (I/O) circuit coupled to the processor and the ferroelectric
5 memory system; and
6 the ferroelectric memory system including:
7 a substrate;
8 a first topology disposed over the substrate;
9 a first ferroelectric structure disposed in the first topology; and
10 a subsequent topology disposed over the first topology, and a subsequent
11 ferroelectric structure disposed in the subsequent topology.

1 25. The system according to claim 24, wherein the processor is disposed in a host
2 selected from a clock, a television, a cell phone, a personal computer, an automobile, an
3 industrial control system, and an aircraft.

1 26. The system according to claim 24, wherein the ferroelectric memory structure is
2 selected from a ferroelectric polymer memory structure and a ferroelectric oxide memory
3 structure.

1 27. The system according to claim 24, wherein the processor comprises a CMOS
2 logic region disposed in the substrate, and wherein the ferroelectric memory system comprises a
3 die in a memory module.

1 28. The system according to claim 24, wherein the processor comprises logic in a
2 memory controller, and wherein the ferroelectric memory system comprises a die in a memory
3 module.

1 29. The system according to claim 24, wherein the ferroelectric memory system
2 comprises a chip in a chipset.